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ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

# Statistics relating to the fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights

## Note by the Secretariat

1. A detailed statistical report prepared by the Secretariat relating to the fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights was distributed to the members of the Bureau in May 1997.

2. A shorter version of that report containing the most relevant statistical data relating to the fifty-third session of the Commission is reproduced as an annex to the present document.

3. The statistics contained in the annex might be considered useful with respect to the organization and rationalization of work of the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-fourth session.

ANNEX

Statistical data relating to the work of the fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights

I. PARTICIPANTS

| | No. of delegations | No. of participants | % of participants |
|---|---|---|---|
| Member States | 53 | 535 | 23 |
| Observer States | 92 | 504 | 22 |
| United Nations bodies | 9 | 52 | 2 |
| United Nations Secretariat | 7 | 24 | 1 |
| Specialized agencies | 6 | 29 | 1 |
| Non-member States | 2 | 14 | 0.9 |
| Intergovernmental and other organizations | 16 | 75 | 3 |
| National liberation movement | 1 | 3 | 0.1 |
| NGOs | | | |
| Total | 203 | 1 105 | 47 |
| General status | 28 | 145 | 6 |
| Special status | 127 | 732 | 31 |
| Roster | 48 | 228 | 10 |
| Total | 389 | 2 341 | 100 |

II. MEETING AND PARALLEL ACTIVITIES

A. Plenary meetings

| | |
|---|---|
| Total number of meetings | 70 |
| additional meetings | 17 |
| cancelled meetings | 2 |

B. Parallel activities

| | |
|---|---|
| Total number of meetings | 563 |
| Working groups | 4 |
| Governments | 192 |
| NGOs | 111 |
| DPI/Centre for Human Rights | 24 |
| Bilateral meetings | 228 |
| National institutions | 4 |

## III. TIME USE

| | |
|---|---|
| Total time used | 178h 39m |
| Total time lost | 31h 21m |
| - due to late starting | 26h 41m |
| - due to early ending | 4h 40m |

## IV. INTERVENTIONS AND TIME DISTRIBUTION

A total of 1,139 interventions 1/ were made in the general debate. Their breakdown is as follows:

| Statements | Number | Hours | Average |
|---|---|---|---|
| Member States | 289 | 36.39 | 0.08 |
| Observer States | 162 | 17.45 | 0.07 |
| United Nations bodies | 7 | 0.44 | 0.06 |
| Specialized agencies | 4 | 0.27 | 0.07 |
| Non-member States | 9 | 0.51 | 0.06 |
| Intergovernmental and other organizations | 17 | 2.01 | 0.07 |
| National liberation movement | 2 | 0.22 | 0.11 |
| NGOs | | | |
| Total | 386 | 35.38 | 0.06 |
| General status | 43 | 3.56 | 0.05 |
| Special status | 234 | 21.27 | 0.06 |
| Roster | 109 | 10.15 | 0.06 |
| Total 2/ | 876 | 94.26 | 0.06 |

| Rights of reply | Number | Hours | Average |
|---|---|---|---|
| Member States | 51 | 2.29 | 0.03 |
| Observer States | 67 | 2.57 | 0.03 |
| National liberation movement | 4 | 0.11 | 0.03 |
| Total | 122 | 5.37 | 0.03 |

| Points of order | Number | Hours | Average |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total | 50 | 1.10 | 0.01 |

| Dignitaries | Number | Hours |
|---|---|---|
| Secretary-General | 1 | 0.12 |
| From Member States | 15 | 3.38 |
| From Observer States | 14 | 3.49 |
| Others: | 7 | 1.44 |
| Total | 37 | 9.23 |

| Special rapporteurs/representatives/ experts/chairpersons | Number | Hours |
|---|---|---|
| Total | 54 | 12.02 |

## V. DOCUMENTATION

| Documents issued for the Commission | Number | Pages |
|---|---|---|
| Pre-session (total) | 212 | 4 395 |
| General distribution | 157 | 3 431 |
| Confidential 3/ | 55 | 964 |
| In-session (total) | 314 | 2 096 |
| General distribution (not including NGOs) | 30 | 309 |
| NGO 4/ | 107 | 411 |
| Limited distribution | 143 | 890 |
| Miscellaneous | 34 | 486 |
| Post-session (total) (Annual Report of the Commission) | 1 | 489 |
| Total | 527 | 13 471 |

| Background documents | Number | Pages |
|---|---|---|
| General distribution | 150 | 1 535 |
| Confidential | 48 | 1 412 |
| Total | 198 | 2 947 |

## VI. COSTS

### A. Translation

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### B. Interpretation

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|---|---|
| One hour of interpretation | US$ 2,681 |
| Total costs of interpretation | US$ 563,101 |

## VII. VOTING

A total of 85 draft resolutions and 26 draft decisions were submitted during the fifty-third session of the Commission.

A total of 22 hours and 16 minutes were used for voting in 14 meetings of the plenary.

### A. Voting on draft resolutions and draft decisions

| Resolutions | Number |
|---|---|
| Adopted by consensus | 63 |
| Adopted by roll-call vote | 15 |
| Total | 78 |

| Decisions | Number |
|---|---|
| Adopted by consensus | 25 |
| Adopted by roll-call vote | 1 |
| Total | 26 |

B. Classification of adopted resolutions and decisions

| | Country | Thematic | Other |
|---|---|---|---|
| Resolutions | 19 | 12 | 48 |
| Decisions | 1 | 0 | 25 |
| Total | 20 | 12 | 73 |

Notes

1/ Interventions made during the closed sessions and the voting process are not included. These amount to 56 hours and 1 minute.

2/ Six per cent (49 in total) were group statements.

3/ Confidential documents are issued in English, French, Russian and Spanish only, except for the confidential report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the report of the "Working Group on Situations" and the confidential decisions adopted by the Commission, which are issued in all six official languages.

4/ NGO documents are issued in English, French and Spanish only.

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